

MIT stops Purim meeting

By Sindia Patterson

MIT Seekers did not hold its scheduled Purim celebration Saturday after the Office of the Provost decided that it must be rescheduled.

But the MIT Seekers did hold a nonmeeting to let invited guests know the event was cancelled. Also, they are investigating their legal rights.

Seekers attempted to get a court injunction allowing them to hold the activity as scheduled, but they began too late on Friday to get the court order before US District Court closed for the weekend.

An MIT graduate student, acting as lawyer for the group on Friday, said he would ask for the injunction to prevent abridgment of constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech, association, and exercises of religion. The lawyer, Dean Shahanian, a former Harvard University Law Professor, said the doctrine of state action made MIT responsible for protecting those constitutional rights.

He said, "When a private organization, such as MIT, is sufficiently bound up with the federal government, as we are through the vast amount of grants we receive, it is liable for upholding the guarantees of the First Amendment."

Moishe Rosen, national director of Jews for Jesus, said that MIT's action to cancel the scheduled meeting was "the most flagrant violation of religious freedoms that I've seen at any school in this country." He added that he had "never encountered a situation where the administration worked in such collusion with one religious group."

Rosen said that Jews for Jesus is considering filing a complaint with the Justice Department. "I think we can prove a pattern of religious discrimination," he said.

Seekers are considering asking the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) to investigate whether MIT denied its students the rights guaranteed by the US constitution.

A nonmeeting was necessary, Rosen said, because Stuart and Naomi Dauermann, the Jews for Jesus representatives that were to lead the Purim celebration, "had to be there when the invited students from other campuses walk up to that locked door. We have to tell them why we can't meet," Rosen said.

Hillel Rabbi Daniel Shevitz said the planned Jews for Jesus meeting went "beyond the bounds of good taste and community relations practiced at MIT." He objected to the meeting as a deception and an attempt at proselytization.

Shevitz said, "This was not a lecture open to the public. It was described as a Jewish religious holiday, directed primarily at Jews."

MIT Seekers and Jews for Jesus "want to missionize their brand of Christianity to Jews," he said.

Representatives from other MIT Christian groups, Inter Varsity and Campus Crusade, gathered with Seekers members to show their concern that religious freedoms were violated at MIT, according to Jerry Platz, MIT Seekers liaison.

Platz, although disappointed that Seekers could not hold its

meeting, said, "Seekers has become visible on the MIT campus because of this controversy."

He said, "I see the Christian forces at MIT joining together and causing people to reevaluate, to question."

Platz added that meeting the Jews for Jesus representatives "strengthened my faith. They were very Jewish as well as being very Christian in outlook. It was encouraging to meet them. There aren't that many Jewish believers in Christ at MIT."

Seekers had received permission to hold the event last Saturday night in the Vannevar Bush Room. The Provost's office and the executive committee of the ASA, based on recommendations decided Thursday that the event had to be postponed.

In a letter published in *The Tech* Friday, Dr. Louis Menand, special assistant to Provost Rosenblith and head of the Facilities Use Committee, said, "permission to hold a meeting its being granted for a time and place to be agreed upon between Seekers and the Facilities Use Committee."

Menand said the meeting must be postponed "because of the uncertainties concerning the way

earlier publicity had been distributed and characterized, and because of the need for having sufficient time to avoid misunderstandings in the MIT community."

Rosen said that, in effect, Menand's decision cancels the meeting. He said, "It would be impossible to reschedule the meeting this semester."

The executive committee of the ASA gave three reasons for recommending to the Facilities Use Committee that the Seekers bid for the room be rescinded. These were that the sponsorship of Seekers was not clearly mentioned on every ad for the event, that the event was falsely depicted as a Jewish Purim celebration, and that the event had a potential for becoming a volatile situation.

Ralph Giffone, '82, a Jews for Jesus volunteer, said the celebration would be a very Jewish event, celebrating God's preservation of the Jewish people.

Giffone, who regularly hands out Jews for Jesus literature in front of the Student Center, said, "All we're trying to say is that you don't have to give up your Jewish heritage to accept Christ. All the proof you need that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah can be found in the Hebrew Scriptures."

Iranian women react to Moslem rules

By Elaine Douglass

After three days of tumultuous women's rights demonstrations in Iran last week, Iranian women at MIT were divided on the question of whether women's rights will be safeguarded by the new revolutionary Islamic government in Iran.

Some women here believe zealous religious elements in Iran are attempting to reduce Iranian women to a traditional subservient position, while others declare that the return to the true principles of Islam promised by the new government will guarantee dignity and equality to women.

The demonstrations in Tehran, one of which according to the *New York Times* numbered 15,000 turned ugly with reports of women being stoned by male onlookers and another report that at least four women were beaten and stabbed.

"I'm furious!" said an MIT graduate student interviewed Friday. "On TV I could see the men, their faces full of anger and shouting calling the women communists. Any movement for freedom they label communist," she said angrily.

"But the process of liberation cannot be reversed," she said, "and I am so proud of those women who came out even though probably there is a mood of religious terror in the country."

"While there are so many economic problems in Iran," she continued, "all the government is doing is burning red light districts, closing liquor stores, and suffocating women."

On the other hand, a group of five Iranian women interviewed Sunday at Eastgate (an MIT graduate student housing facility) said they believe their status will be elevated under Islamic law, and that the main thing that is needed is education, not protests.

The protests began after the revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini last week called for all Iranian women to wear the chador, the traditional full length covering of Persian women, or at least a scarf to cover their heads.

The Ayatollah is also said to have repealed a law forbidding men to divorce their wives at whim, and decreed that men may marry as many as four wives.

However, Khomeini's revolutionary committee has apparently now backtracked and made the wearing of the chador optional.

The Iranian women at Eastgate said the Ayatollah has condemned the violence against women, and has called for the arrest of the men who stoned the women demonstrators.

There are reports that revolutionary officials stationed in buildings in various cities in Iran are barring the entry of all

women whose heads are uncovered. "These men in buildings exist," said Sourur Tabeshian, "but they are not Khomeini's men. They are misguided, and they have no knowledge of the Koran."

Tabeshian, and each of other the four women interviewed at Eastgate, is a college graduate, and one has an MD. Four are married to Iranians studying at MIT, and are not working outside their homes. The fifth is a graduate student at the Institute.

"Islam has a respectful view of women," said Zahra Gooya, "and Khomeini has brought Islamic law back. One thousand years ago men and women could divorce for just reasons. If our society goes exactly by the rules written in the Koran, there will be justice for everyone, including women," she said.

Islamic law guarantees women property rights in case of divorce, the women said, the right to be employed, and the right to birth control. All five women said they favored birth control.

The graduate student who was so angry about the Ayatollah's decrees said that passing a law giving men the right to have four wives and making divorce easier for men is one way for the new government to gain the support of men in Iran.

"Every Iranian man is a little Shah," she declared, "and each has his own little empire in his family. Now, with Khomeini's decree, they will take four wives if they can afford it. In the 1950's," she recalled, "my aunt was divorced without even being informed of the fact."

Simi Tabeshian, one of the five women in Eastgate, said that even though the former Shah had passed a law equalizing access to divorce for men and women, in practice it was extremely difficult for a woman to obtain a divorce.

By contrast, she said, the Koran allows women to divorce and forbids husbands from dumping their wives. In order to get a divorce under religious law, both spouses must appear and witnesses must testify on behalf of the spouse initiating the action, she said.

Four of the women in Eastgate wore head scarves. They all feel such head covering is appropriately modest for women. "Women should be useful in society; they should not have time for make-up and hair styles," said Ashraf Baghaili, the MD. "If a woman goes to work in a tight dress, that will interfere with working," she said, and declared that Western styles of dress lead to the sexual exploitation of women.

The Iranian women said that under Islamic law a man can take a second wife only with the permission of his first wife. Although all five women interviewed at Eastgate supported the law, each unequivocally stated she would not allow her husband to take a second wife.

Another Iranian woman, a biology student at UMass, was indignant. "The Moslems are saying no one will marry more than once because no one can afford it," she said. "This means Khomeini's decree applies only to the rich."

The women's demonstrations are very significant however, said the biology student, "because this is the first open criticism of Khomeini. Even the radicals in Iran have been trying to 'work things out' with Khomeini, but this was a good lesson to him."

"The demonstrators in Iran have said they will burn themselves to protest the new laws," she declared, "and they marched in the holy city of Qum, which was very dangerous."

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The spring TCA/Red Cross blood drive, currently underway in the Sala de Puerto Rico, has started very well, according to blood drive chairman Jerry Marks '79. Nearly 700 pints of blood were collected in the first three days of the drive. (Photo by Marvin Horn)

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Israel presses Sadat — The Israeli Cabinet wanted Secretary of State Vance yesterday to deliver its new package of treaty proposals to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. Israeli officials reportedly hoped that Vance would be able to secure encouraging news from Sadat before President Carter leaves the Middle East. Prime Minister Begin said, "I expect a positive reply from Egypt."

Feminist criticizes Iran's Khomeini — American Kate Millet, author of *Sexual Politics*, charged Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran Monday with sex discrimination. His government in its first month abolished coeducation, made divorce actions harder for women to challenge, and executed at least 16 people for sexual crimes. "Our civil rights are being terribly threatened by what he says or does," charged Millet.

Nation

Spokesman defends Billy Carter — A business trustee of Jimmy Carter's denied Monday that Billy Carter hid \$500,000 in overdue loans during the 1976 presidential campaign. A former worker at the Carter peanut warehouse earlier told the Washington Post that he and Billy Carter had used the same bins of peanuts twice that year as collateral for the tardy payments. Billy Carter, confined to a Long Beach hospital for alcoholism treatment, was unavailable for comment.

Local

Boston finances improve — A year-long audit by accounting firm Coopers & Lybrand found that fiscal conditions in Boston have improved in the past few years. Wall Street spokesmen expressed satisfaction with the findings. The project was the first complete audit in Boston history.

WBCN strike over — The three-week-old strike at Boston's progressive rock station WBCN-FM ended yesterday after the station's new owner agreed to hire back the 19 employees fired by the station on February 16. The station also agreed to recognize the employees' union, United Electrical Workers Local 262.

— By Lenny Martin and Ron Newman

Weather

Mostly sunny skies this morning will give way to increasing cloudiness by late in the day. With southerly winds increasing during the afternoon, temperatures will reach the middle 40's before sunset. For tonight, warm temperatures and some scattered showers are in store, with lows 38-42. Mostly cloudy skies with occasional rain expected for Wednesday. With a continued strong southerly flow, highs will reach 50. A cold front will pass through sometime Wednesday night, accompanied by a wind shift to the west and lows in the 30's by morning. Looking ahead: cooler but sunny by Thursday.

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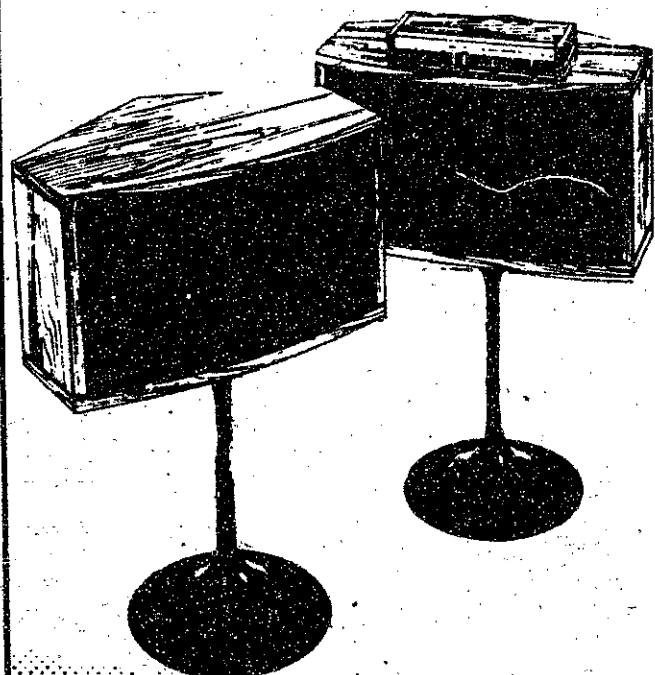
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Opinion

Tom Curtis

Provost's action went too far

Thursday night, the Provost's Office delayed a scheduled Purim celebration being run by the Jews for Jesus. It took this action after receiving complaints about the activity from several members of the MIT community. Although many substantive objections were raised, none of the objections justified postponement of the event.

Missionary activity should not be restricted

One objection was the desire of the Jews for Jesus to convert traditional Jews to their beliefs. (I use the term "traditional Jews" to refer to Jews who do not believe Jesus is the Jewish Messiah.) The Provost's office letter cites an understanding between MIT religious groups that no group shall "engage in missionary activity in an organized way among members of any other religious group." I do not see how MIT can enforce such an agreement when a very important part of the doctrine of some religious groups is the conversion of other people to their beliefs. Missionary activity cannot be restricted without restricting the religious freedom of these groups. As long as the groups act fairly in trying to gain converts, their religious freedom should not be limited.

The weightiest objection to the Jews for Jesus Purim celebration is that the event *does* unfairly try to convert traditional Jews through misleading advertising for the meeting. The Association of Student Activities objected to the ads because some of them did not indicate that the MIT Seekers had obtained the room to be used for the activity and because the ads billed the event as only a Purim celebration. Others objected to the symbols contained in the ad.

The absence of "sponsored by the MIT Seekers" on some of the ads is a minor technicality at best. The event was designed by and for Jews for Jesus, not MIT Seekers. If MIT Seekers had been on the ads, the ads might have been more deceptive, not less.

Some people were offended by the ads because they contain the Star of David, a traditional Jewish symbol, and because they call the event a Purim celebration, a traditional Jewish event. However, the star of David and Purim have been adopted by the Jews for Jesus group, which retains many Jewish traditions while adopting Jesus as the Jewish Messiah. MIT cannot prohibit the use of these symbols by Jews for Jesus without restricting the group's religious freedom.

Ads not as accurate as possible

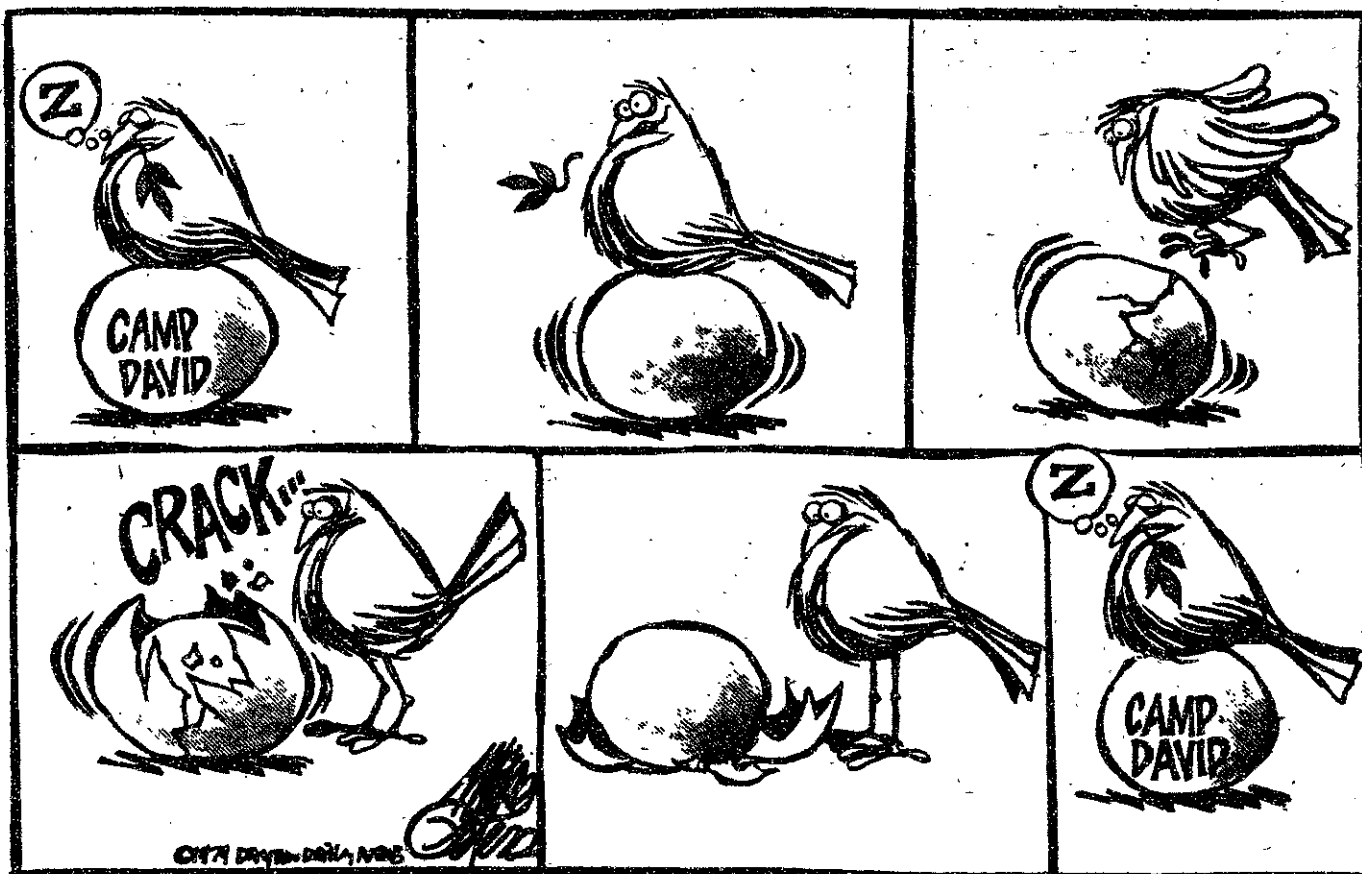
The most serious complaint about the advertising is some ads depicted the event as a Purim celebration only and did not indicate that Jews for Jesus would try to educate participants in its beliefs. Indeed, if the words "Jews for Jesus" were replaced by "Hillel" on some of the ads, the event would have sounded like a traditional Jewish Purim celebration. The ads give no indication that religious education would be part of the program. Thus, the ads were not as accurate as they might have been.

However, I do not believe this presented a real danger which would justify postponement of the event. I do not believe any traditional Jew would go to this meeting thinking it was a traditional Jewish Purim celebration. Many people have heard of the Jews for Jesus and know its beliefs. Those who have not heard of the group should be tipped off by the name "Jews for Jesus". In a country where Christianity is so extensive and the president is a born-again Christian, very few people have not heard of Jesus and his connection with Christianity.

Taking this into consideration, I believe the only traditional Jews who would have gone to the meeting would have been those who were curious about the group and its beliefs. These people would not have been unpleasantly surprised when the group tried to explain its beliefs. Thus, although the ads did not say the group would try to teach the beliefs of Jews for Jesus at the meeting, this omission was not really dangerous. It did not warrant postponement of the event.

Although the MIT Seekers and Jews for Jesus did not handle the event in the best possible way, I do not feel the Institute was justified in its action. The letter from the Provost's Office says the Institute has a "responsibility to maintain communications between diverse groups" and the decision was made with consideration of the breakdown of communications. However, the Institute has an even greater responsibility to permit religious freedom.

The short term effect of the Provost's Office action is the effective cancellation of the event because the speakers cannot return at another date. The long term effect of the decision is a dangerous precedent on how religious issues should be handled.



Michael Taviss

And you think \$5300 is TDM

The MIT student looked at his watch with irritation. They were late. The students from Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Princeton, and the two from Boston University should have been here ten minutes ago. Suddenly the door opened and they all shuffled in. "What the—" MIT stooped in mid-sentence as he took in their somber countenances. "Why—" He counted five heads. "No! Not another one!"

The BU student nodded her head gravely. "The other BU student," Harvard intoned.

"This is ridiculous," Yale exploded. "Do you know that only a few decades ago our schools had thousands of students?"

"You know the story as well as the rest of us," Cornell said in a quiet voice. "In the 1970's the steep rise in inflation, growing unemployment, and several other factors forced the universities of this country to raise their tuitions drastically. The result was that fewer people could afford to go to a good school. But this meant that the schools had to raise tuition even further to make up for the loss of incoming students. The final outcome should have been obvious."

"Yeah," MIT broke in. "And we are the final outcome. Seven, no, sorry, six students, one from each of the only surviving large universities. The last of our breed."

"That's for sure," Harvard said morosely. "With the new anti-rich laws in effect, after we graduate there will be no more families wealthy enough to afford to send their kids to the universities. The six will close or be taken over by the government, like the others were."

They sat without saying anything for a few minutes, letting the funereal atmosphere sweep over them.

"Damn!" That was the BU student, the only woman in the room, and thus the only, and last, female university student. "If only the Carter government hadn't passed the Private Institution Aid laws in 1980. With government aid, students from less affluent families would still have been able to attend the universities and the problem would have been avoided."

"It's no use talking about 'if onlies,'" Princeton muttered gloomily. "What's done is done. Our job now is to put petty dif-

ferences and ancient feuds aside —" he glanced significantly at the Harvard and Yale students as he said this, "— and try to find a solution to this tuition dilemma. I don't know about the rest of you, but my family's been pushed to the limit. If today's tuition hike is anything more than moderate, I'll have to drop out and Princeton will have to join Columbia, Dartmouth, and the rest, in oblivion."

"But what can we do?" BU shrieked. "The government's against us, the schools themselves have no power; who can help us?" The others treated this as a rhetorical question. Silence invaded the room once again.

The quiet was broken when the door opened. The six students watched with fear as a man holding a slip of paper approached.

"Well, well?" Princeton cried, unable to wait.

"You're Princeton, aren't you? I regret to inform you that your tuition raise this year is \$620,389.20."

"Auuughh!!!" Princeton screamed. He buried his head in his arm, the man looked at the others quizzically.

"He has to drop out," BU said

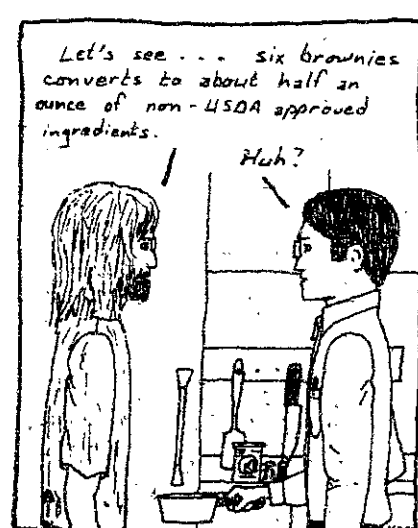
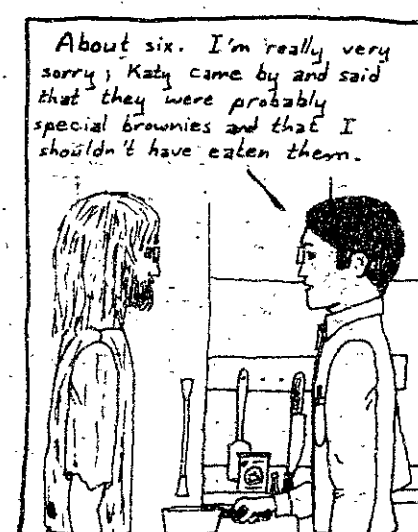
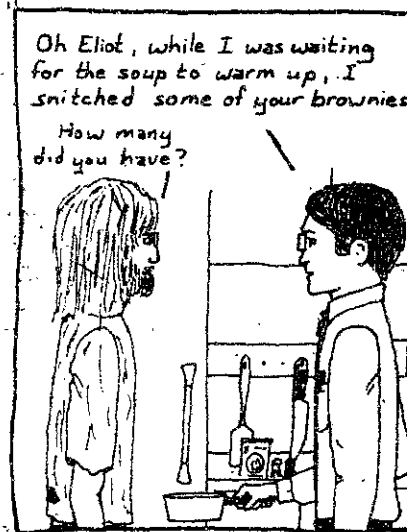
softly. "Now tell us the rest; don't keep us waiting."

"Harvard: \$450,892.37; Yale: \$427,361.86; Boston University: \$566,118.42; and MIT: \$698,349.10" He left the slip of paper on the table then left the room.

"I'm out," BU said in a quiet tone of voice which belied the way she must feel. "What about you, Harvard?" "I'm in," He said. "But just barely. Come on, let's go get something to eat. Anybody else interested in a pizza?" Princeton and Cornell joined them, leaving Yale and MIT at the table. MIT was crooning "TDM, TDM" to himself. After watching him for a moment, Yale left to follow the others. Then the MIT Student reached under the table and brought out a placard. Taking a marker from his pocket he wrote on the cardboard, "18,937,234.45 TDM!!!" Then he got his coat and went outside. He made his way to the Great Sail. There he waited the traditional five minutes. Then, hoisting his placard on high, the lone MIT Student headed for the Registrar's Office. The Spontaneous Annual Tuition Riot of 1997 had begun.

Paul Hubbard

by Kent C. Massey



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feedback

Jews for Jesus not scholars

To the editor:

Ralph Giffone, a member of a Christian missionary group called "Jews for Jesus" was recently interviewed by *The Tech*. This group appears to share the same street corners and tactics with the Unification Church and the Church of Scientology.

The interview referred to a party proposed by "Jews for Jesus" (ever heard of "Christians for Krishna"?), widely advertised on campus, and sponsored by Seekers I.

Giffone is quoted as saying: "We want to tell them (the Jews) that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah and the fulfillment of God's promises in the Hebrew Scriptures."

Indeed, their ads contain a sprinkling of Hebrew words, presumably as a renewed testament to the profound Hebrew scholarship, and Jewish roots, of this group.

Nothing could better testify to their qualifications in "Hebrew Scriptures" and in "Jesus" than their ads, where "Jesus" and "Israel" are grossly misspelt in Hebrew. There are other errors.

Who ever said that Providential Signs need not be humorous?

Ardon Gador

Meet cancellation suppressed views

To the editor:

What does religious freedom mean when a group like Hillel and Rabbi Shevitz can malign another religious group to the administration?

What does religious freedom mean when at the last moment the Institute denies a chartered campus club the use of a meeting room simply because allegations and unproven charges are made? These charges were never investigated.

What is it that Hillel wants to prevent MIT students from hearing? What message is so frightening that it must be repressed by Provost Rosenblith?

What they don't want you to hear and know is that there are Jews who believe in Jesus, who enjoy a happy fellowship with other evangelical Christians, and that the Jewish Bible (commonly referred to as the Old Testament) gives ample reason to believe Jesus is the Messiah.

One small minority of a minority group was suppressed, and their religious liberty robbed so that you wouldn't hear.

Perhaps some think that MIT students are gullible and mindless, and you are if you let this happen.

Ralph A. Giffone '82

MIT Seekers protest

Editor's Note: A copy of this letter, addressed to Provost Walter Rosenblith, was sent to The Tech.

MIT has a long-standing commitment to the free exchange of ideas within the university. But recent action by the Facilities Use Committee and the Provost's Office does not support this commitment: by denying MIT Seekers use of the Bush Room as reserved for Saturday evening, March 10, the ideas of one group were effectively silenced by the opposition of another.

MIT Seekers is a group of approximately thirty MIT students and is associated with Seekers I, the young adult fellowship of Park Street Church in Boston. We are Christians who take our faith seriously and carry it with us into our daily lives here at the Institute. Our command is to love — God first and our fellow man as well. The Purim Celebration in cooperation with Jews for Jesus was to be an expression of that love in worship and celebration.

We recognize the differences of

opinion that exist within the MIT community and respect the rights of others to express their opinions. As indicated in our earlier statement, written before the cancellation, we do regret the tension and misunderstandings that these differences have precipitated. But we do not regret our plans to sponsor the Purim Celebration with Jews for Jesus, and are deeply troubled that we have not been allowed to hold it as planned. The decision to delay it was made with full knowledge that the speakers from Jews for Jesus will be unable to return to Boston this semester; in effect, the meeting was cancelled. We view this decision as an abridgement of our First Amendment guarantees of freedom of speech and the free exercise of religion, and must convey our strong disagreement with the Institute's position. Our faith in God is too central in our lives for us to see it compromised in the name of expediency.

MIT Seekers
March 10, 1979

China's invasion wrong

To the editor:

On February 17, Chinese Deputy Prime Minister Teng Hsiao-p'ing attempted to carry out his threat to "teach Vietnam a bloody lesson" as Chinese troops marched across the border to Vietnam.

The invasion of Vietnam is a dangerous anti-Soviet provocation by China in collusion with U.S. imperialism. While this criminal assault is being carried out by Chinese troops, there should be no mistake who is behind it and what is its ultimate target. China is acting as the spearhead of a renewed drive by U.S. imperialism against the Soviet Union and the working people of Indochina.

The Soviet Union, given its economic and military strength, is necessarily the main anti-capitalist force in the world, and therefore the fundamental target of U.S. imperialism. Should American imperialism overthrow the U.S.S.R., capitalist restoration in similar states (e.g., Cuba, Vietnam) and including China would immediately follow.

The nationalistic Stalinist bureaucracies of the Sino-Soviet blocs pose the greatest internal threat to the gains of their anti-capitalist revolutions. The increasingly reactionary Chinese foreign policy, both under Mao and Teng, has called on everyone from Carter's Dr. Strangelove, Brzezinski, to the deposed Shah of Iran to join in an unholy anti-Soviet alliance.

Both Washington and Peking have justified China's invasion by pointing to Vietnam's successful invasion of Cambodia in January. We do not equate the two invasions. As Trotskyists we opposed both rival nationalist Stalinist regimes in the Cambodia-Vietnam conflict. History will decide the justice of Vietnamese-Cambodian relations.

We call for the Soviet Union to honor its treaty with Vietnam. Not empty dreams of detente, but only worldwide proletarian solidarity for socialist revolution can defend the Vietnamese revolution. The Spartacus Youth League calls upon the working class internationally to oppose the reactionary US/China alliance.

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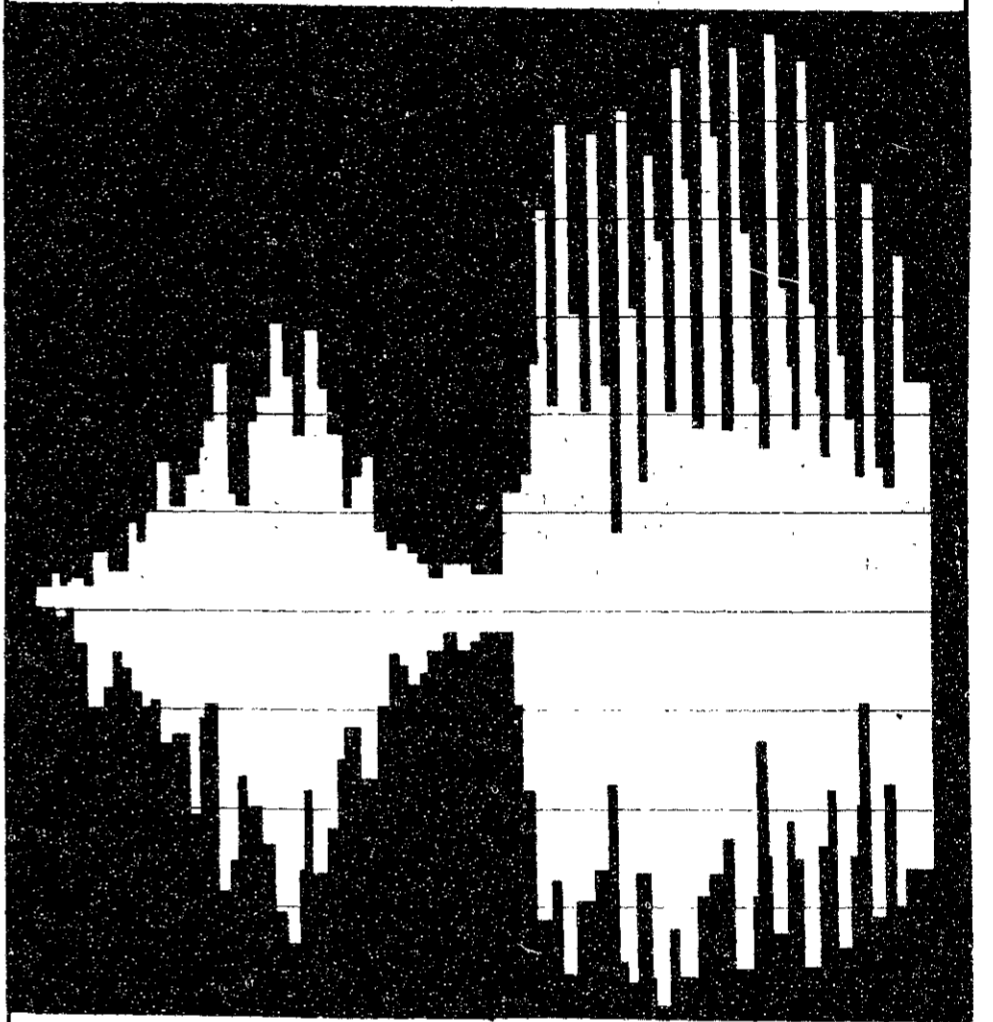
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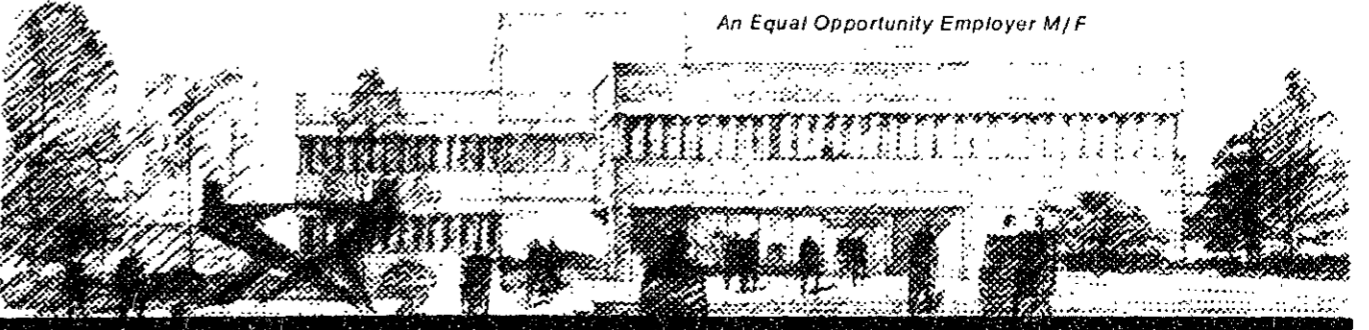
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On Thursday, March 8 you allowed LSC to use your facilities for yet another vile attack on this great state. The implication in one of their "letters to the editor" on page 4 of *The Focus* that our females are not worthy of MIT men went too far.

We demand apologies from *The Tech* and LSC, guarantees that this will not happen again and the firing of those responsible. If our demands are not complied with immediately we will spread New Jersey air through out the fourth floor of the Student Center.

Name withheld by request

Reader complains about placement

To the editor:

One would think that *The Tech*, after weathering a barrage of anti-sexism letters due to current sexist practices, would now refrain from such impulses. But NO!

I refer to none other than the issue of Friday, March 2. Specifically, the two pieces of dishonorable mention are a letter to the editor (whose author, Joan C. Horvath, would seemingly prefer to be a sexless automation rather than a warm human being) and a 'comic' by Kent Massey.

The most insidious treachery yet perpetrated by *The Tech* must undoubtedly be the placement under the title of the letter declaring in not so small letters "Women not just 'dates'" of the comic which belatedly and unashamedly depicts MIT women as common tramps. *The Tech* surely is capable of more class than cheap immature stereotypes.

It's bad enough that the comic strip itself depicts women as trained computers (perhaps its author should talk to Miss Horvath) and, of course, cheap tramps and was allowed to go to print. But when you yourself implicitly defame the reputation of MIT coeds, well, that's going a bit too far for such a sterile tabloid as *The Tech*. Even MIT females have feelings.

Marc K. Freedman '81

Editors note: The placement of the letter and comic strip were entirely accidental.

Keynes, Marx should not be ignored

To the editor:

I have read with distress Roger Kolb's letter to *The Tech* in the March 6 issue. I would argue that the theories exhorting by leftist members of the Humanities Department represent serious schools of intellectual thought on the social ills which have afflicted millions of people in this century. It is unreasonable to expect that everyone has similar perceptions of what happens in the world around them. Marx and Keynes attempted to analyze the serious social and economic problems confronting the poor and disadvantaged and they provided what they sincerely believed were solutions to these problems. But surely these men realized that there would be serious bodies of thought confronting their theories.

The economic and social conditions for all citizens in this nation

are not as ideal as some would like to think. The students of the 60's demonstrated against what they felt to be intolerable wrongs, not from a desire to keep in step with the fashions of the times. If you refuse to admit that there exist frightful wrongs and oppressive conditions, Mr. Kolb, then you must be "prepared to suffer 1960's style in perfect equanimity," and not the leftists who try to bring the oppressive conditions in this world to light.

The need for MIT students to be socially aware is still a very relevant need for our times. There exist a multitude of ideological paths by which this can come into being and MIT should do nothing to limit either the range of thought or the expressive freedom in which MIT students can choose their humanities subjects.

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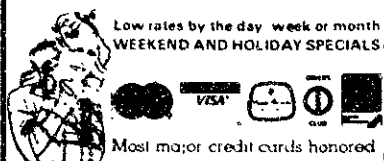
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Views of Iranian women mixed

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"Then Khomeini backed down and put Ayatollah Teleghani on TV for two hours saying 'please don't be angry. Khomeini didn't mean you must wear the veil.'"

She denied the Koran recognizes women as equal to men. "The Koran talks only to men, and it says to men if your wife does not satisfy your desires, you can punish her. But it never says a woman can punish her husband," she said.

"These protests are another sign the revolution is not basically a religious movement. Religion cannot give people what they want," she said, "and when the next revolution comes, religion will be rejected."

Manzar Ashtary is a graduate student in nuclear engineering at MIT who spoke with *The Tech* at Eastgate. She passionately defended the religious orientation of the Iranian revolution and just as passionately denounced sexism in Iran, which she said made working there impossible for her under the Shah's regime.

Ashtary said she left her job in an Iranian government agency and returned to MIT because of stifling authoritarianism and incompetence in the bureaucracy. Now Ashtary plans to return to Iran after graduation, and she expects working conditions for women to be improved.

Ashtary does not cover her head. Asked why, she poignantly

declared she is "too oriented toward people around me," and not sufficiently conscious of God.

She spoke of her love the for Islamic tradition in its pure form, which she, like the others at Eastgate, sees as liberating. "I cut that traditional system, and went back to Islam as a new thing and with an open and intellectual

mind," she said.

She is repelled, not only by the repressive aspects of Iranian society, but also by what she regards as the shallowness of the modernizing culture that emerged under the Shah. "I could cry for this younger generation," she said, "blindly following the West."

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Sports

There will be a **mandatory general meeting** for all undergraduate and graduate students interested in playing MIT Club Intercollegiate Football next year. The meeting is at the Delta Upsilon fraternity house (526 Beacon St., Boston) on Monday, March 19 at 8pm. Coaches and officers will be available for questions about the upcoming season. If unable to attend, please leave your name and number with Keith Therrien at 261-1391. The Club Football Team is also looking for managers for next season. Interested students should contact Keith Therrien at 261-1391.

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Danger Money: great "new" progressive rock

Danger Money, U.K. Polydor records, PD-1-6194.

By David Shaw

Last year an album was quietly released by a group that called itself U.K. It was discovered that this "new" group was made up of some of England's best progressive music veterans: keyboardist Eddie Jobson (formerly with Roxy Music, King Crimson and Frank Zappa); bassist/vocalist John Wetton (from Family, Roxy Music, King Crimson and Uriah Heep); drummer Bill Bruford (Yes, King Crimson, Genesis and too many one-album efforts to name); and guitarist Allan Holdsworth (Soft Machine, Gong and John-Luc Ponty). The first album, U.K., was hailed as a flawless effort by a "supergroup", but this band was to suffer the fate of most other "supergroups" — they disbanded. Jobson and Wetton decided to work together and retain the name U.K. With new drummer Terry Bozzio (formerly with Frank Zappa) they began work on *Danger Money*, their current release.

The first thing that strikes the listener is the absence of guitar from the album. Granted, there is no guitarist listed in the credits, but there are many places on the record where keyboards are used to produce guitar sounds. A possible explanation is that three of the songs ("The Only Thing She Needs", "Caesar's Palace Blues" and "Carrying No Cross") were written before the personnel change. U.K. performed these tunes in their concerts last fall, announcing that they would appear on the new album. The tracks were probably recorded with Holdsworth, but after the breakup the guitar tracks might have been removed and reworked with keyboards.

It is clear that U.K. has become Eddie Jobson's group — his keyboard playing dominates every song (all tunes were written by Jobson), and he co-produced the album. Unlike the keyboardist in the other famous trio, however, Jobson relies less on flash pyrotechnics and more on excellent technique. None of the vocals are lost in a morass of synthesized strings, yet the strings are used to provide a full background. The arrangements run from the very complex "The Only Thing She Needs" (a tune with some obvious Frank Zappa influences) — which is tortuously syncopated and written in an odd time signature — to the very simple "Rendezvous 6:02" which features Jobson's rambling solo piano playing. The best keyboard solo on the album occurs during the middle break of "Carrying No Cross," where the styles of Keith Emerson and Al Dimeola are carried beyond the possibilities of either musician.

The contributions of the rest of the band are not to be ignored. John Wetton's vocals are sharp and clear, and he has improved his singing by extending his range

and adding harmonies. He does his slip in "Caesar's Palace Blues," where he seems to be straining to reach the notes. Drummer Terry Bozzio does an

admirable job of filling the slot left open by Bruford. While not nearly the drummer his predecessor was, Bozzio manages to let his own fluid style carry the group.

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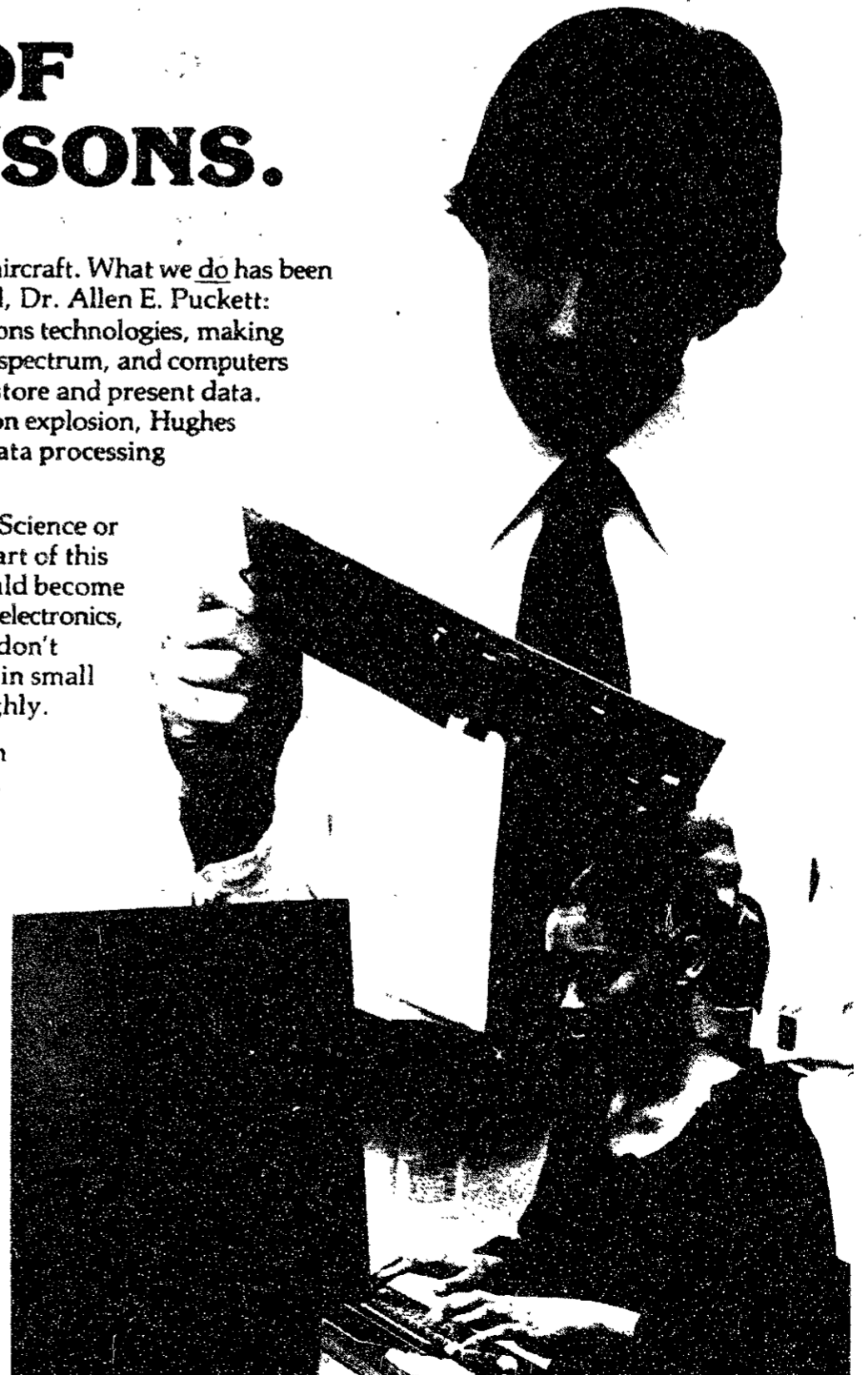
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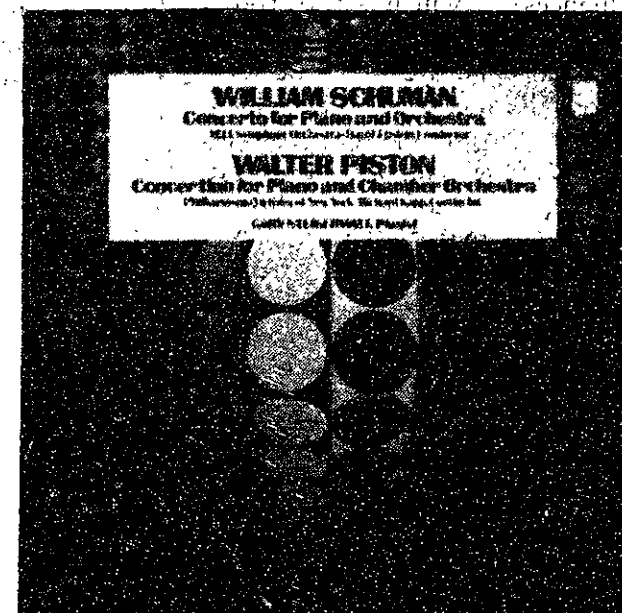
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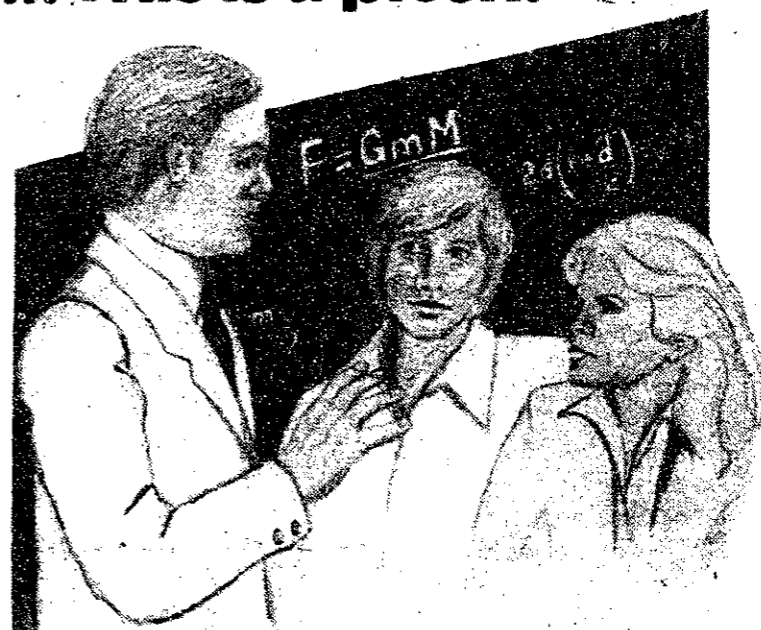
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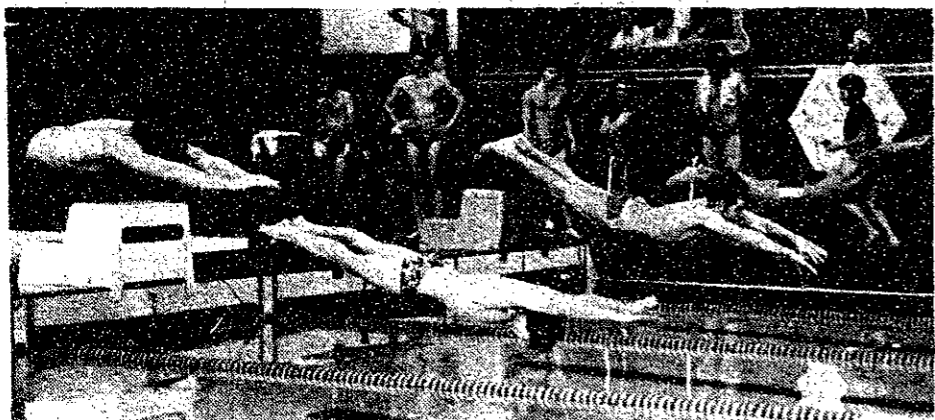
Open Forum on the Presidency
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Monday March 19 at 5pm in

Room 9-150

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Racers start off in the 50 yd. freestyle of last Saturday's IM swim meet. Fitzgerald of Newhouse placed first with a time of 24.0. Grimshaw of New House placed second and Frank of Baker fifth. (Photo by John O. Borland)



Mikhailevsky of Burton House recorded Burton House's only first place finish in the 100 IM. He later came in third in the 100 breast. (Photo by Gordon R. Haff)

Baker edges out Burton in swimming by .037 secs

By Gordon R. Haff

Last Saturday, in the closest and most exciting IM Swim Meet in recent memory, Baker edged out Burton by three points to become the IM Swimming champions for the fourth year in a row.

Baker's margin of victory came from the anchor leg of the last race, the 200 freestyle relay, in which John Cochrane '79 of Burton came in second by 37/100ths of a second. There is a four point difference between first and second place in a relay.

there were no major problems with the meet. Things seemed to run smoothly and quickly — the entire meet took under two hours.

Half



Time

Baker led throughout the finals even though Burton, entered as a house for the first time in several years, looked better after the preliminaries. Several Baker racers improved on their preliminary times Saturday and several Burton racers had poorer times. Buton had one crucial no-show in the 100-yard breaststroke, the second to last event.

As is usual with such events, it was the spectators who made it interesting. There was not a large crowd — perhaps about 50 fans — but those that were there made up for their small numbers with their noisiness. Burton and Baker traded derogatory cheers on a couple of occasions.

The only other team which came close to the leaders was Delta Tau Delta which scored 50 points to Baker's 61 and Burton's 58. It was Delta Tau Delta with a winning time of 1:39.841 which edged out Burton in the final relay.

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Swimming eighth in NE's

Gregg Stave

The MIT Men's Swim Team posted their best finish in over a decade with an eighth place finish in the sixteenth annual New England Championships held at Springfield College on March 1-3. As a result of their performances during the dual meet season and at the championships six swimmers and two divers will represent MIT at the Division III Nationals.

The Beavers began the meet last Thursday by placing fourth in the 800 yard freestyle relay, an event swum only in championship competition. The relay team of John Dieken '80, Mark Huntzinger '81, Bill Dawson '82, and Dave Erickson '82 clocked in with a spectacular 7:13.3 smashing the old MIT record by over nine seconds and earning a trip to the Nationals in Geneseo, New York. This same relay team also qualified for the Nationals in the 400-yard freestyle relay. That same evening, Captain Preston Vorlicek '79 placed sixteenth in the 400-yard individual medley and Bill Dawson took sixteenth in the 1650-yard freestyle event.

On Friday Preston Vorlicek, a two time All-American, earned the right to try for a third title. Vorlicek had the sixth fastest time in the qualifying heats for the 200-yard breaststroke and earned a spot in the finals. For the first hundred and fifty yards of the final he was in sixth place, but, just as he had done in previous New England, improved his position during the last two laps and finished in third. His time

was 2:14.9. That same day Dave Erickson finished sixth in the 200-yard freestyle after qualifying in 1:46.7. John Dieken picked up valuable points by finishing thirteenth. Other high finishers included Mark Huntzinger, twelfth in the 200-yard backstroke (2:05.9), George Dowd '81, eleventh in the 200-yard butterfly (2:03.9) and Mark Larow '82 fourteenth in the 50-yard freestyle sprint (22.86).

In the springboard events Josh Lindsay '80 placed thirteenth on the one meter board. He scored 260.35 points for nine dives. Ken Brady '79 finished a strong fifth in the three meter competition on the basis of his consistent diving. Both Lindsay and Brady will be competing at the Nationals.

All three relays earned berths in the upcoming championships. In addition to the two freestyle relays qualifying, the 400-yard medley relay team of Dieken, Vorlicek, Greg Floro '79 and Huntzinger qualified on Saturday

when they placed second in the consolation finals with a time of 3:42.3. Also on Saturday Dave Erickson finished sixth in the 500-yard freestyle race by recording a 27 second split for the last fifty yards. In the 100-yard butterfly George Dowd placed fourteenth and Floro was sixteenth.

MIT's eighth place finish in the twenty five school field this year put them ahead of Amherst, UMass, Vermont and the Coast Guard Academy. In the contest won by Williams College, Tufts, one of only two teams to beat the Beavers this season, placed second.

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